

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respond herein to the Official Communication mailed December 30, 2008 in the above-identified patent application, wherein Examiner has requested restriction between claims 1-25 and claims 26-30.

By the present Amendment, effectively, applicant has elected claims 26-30, by rewriting claim 26 as claim 1 (and also leaving intact the recitation of claim 1 concerning the construction of features of the “rotor”, as such).

Examination of claims 1-25 and 27-30, all of which are directed to the elected filter-rotor combination is earnestly solicited.

Insofar as the Office Action, at page 2 indirectly asserts that claim 1 is anticipated by Schwartzman (4,607665), it is noted that there is no rejection of any claim, as yet, on prior art. Besides, the Amendment herein renders that remark regarding claim 1 moot.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application claims, as amended, on the merits, and to allow the same in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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